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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE)

(G. O. Ms. No. 7/2010-Ind-C., dated 26th November 2010)

ORDER

Approval of the Lieutenant-Governor of Puducherry is hereby conveyed for the implementation of a new component viz. "Promotion and Development of Traditional Units/Units under Viswakarma Category" by District Industries Centre, Puducherry under the scheme "Development of Handicrafts" issued vide G.O.Ms.No.21/2007-Ind.C., dated 24th March 2008 and published in the Extraordinary Gazette No. 11, dated 28th March 2008 of Government of Puducherry and for the said purpose the following additions shall be made after (G), under the scheme "Development of Handicrafts" namely:—

I. DEVELOPMENT OF HANDICRAFTS

H. Promotion and Development of Traditional Units/Units under Viswakarma category.

I. Grant of financial assistance to the societies of traditional units/units under Viswakarma category.

1. *Objects.*— To promote and develop the vanishing trades of traditional units/units under Viswakarma category *viz.* Blacksmith, Carpenter, Bronzsmith/Coppersmith, Sculptor and Goldsmith.

2. *Eligibility.*— (i) The members of the society must be the artisans of traditional units/Viswakarma category.

(ii) The society must also be registered with the Registrar of Co-operative Society as per the Co-operative Societies Act (or) as a society under Registration of Society Act with Registrar of Companies.

(iii) Existing society or newly established society.

(iv) The society should have a minimum of 25 members.

(v) The accounts of the society must be duly audited by the concerned authorities every year and a statement of audited accounts and Utilization Certificate must be submitted to the Secretary to Government (Industries and Commerce), Puducherry.

3. *Pattern of assistance.*— A sum of ₹ 5.00 lakhs (Rupees five lakhs only) per annum will be released as Grant-in-aid towards assistance as administrative expenses, promotional and developmental activities and providing insurance coverage for the artisans (as per pattern detailed below in para No. II) and grant of financial assistance (as pension) to the old age artisan (as per pattern detailed below in para No. III) after fulfilling all the eligibility conditions.

4. *Mode of implementation.*— The society should apply to the General Manager, District Industries Centre, Puducherry along with the checklist prescribed by the Finance Department for this purpose.

II. Providing Insurance coverage for artisans working in traditional units /units under Viswakarma category.

1. *Objects.*— An important welfare measure to cover the artisans working in the traditional units/units under Viswakarma category, a group insurance coverage scheme under Janashree Bima Yojana of Life Insurance Corporation of India or any other suitable insurance coverage scheme of LIC/General Insurance Corporation of India will be provided.

2. *Eligibility.*— (i) Member artisans of the society.

(ii) Any other conditions as fixed by the Insurance Company.

3. *Pattern of assistance.*— (i) The pattern of assistance will be restricted to 50% of the premium amount payable to the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)/General Insurance Corporation (GIC). The balance 50% will be met from the social security fund released by Government of India to LIC/GIC.

(ii) The assistance to the applicant in respect of death-*cum*-accident insurance will be as per the Group Insurance Scheme.

III. Grant of financial assistance (as pension) to the old age artisans of traditional units / units under Viswakarma category who are unable to run their units.

1. *Objects.*— To grant old age pension to protect the owner artisans of traditional units in their old age.

2. *Eligibility.*— (i) The applicant shall be the owner/proprietor of traditional units/units under Viswakarma category who should have completed 60 years of age on date of application and a member of the society.

(ii) The income of the applicant from all sources must not exceed ₹ 40,000 per year.

(iii) The applicant should not be a recipient of similar financial assistance from any other source.

(iv) The applicant should be native of this Union Territory or have resided for not less than 10 years and a certificate from the competent authority to be produced to this effect.

3. *Nature of assistance.*— (i) Financial assistance in the form of monthly sustenance allowance of ₹ 2,000 per month.

(ii) In the event of death of the artisan his / her spouse will be entitled to avail 50% of the sustenance allowance *i.e.* ₹ 1,000 per month till his / her life time.

4. *Period of assistance.*— (i) The assistance will be extended till the life time of the beneficiary from the 60th year (on completion of 60). But, it should be got renewed by the beneficiary every year.

(ii) This assistance will further be continued to the spouse after the death of the beneficiary till the life time of the spouse subject to fulfilling the income criteria. The pension amount will be restricted to ₹ 1,000 only. *i.e.* 50%.

5. *Mode of implementation.*—(i) Applicant should apply in the prescribed form to this office directly addressed to the General Manager, District Industries Centre, Puducherry-9.

(ii) Any application received through any organization or association will not be accepted.

6. *Application and its enclosure.*— Application should be duly supported by the following documents:

(i) A certificate from the Revenue Department certifying the financial position of the applicant including a certificate that the applicant is not in receipt of financial assistance from any other source.

(ii) Age Certificate from the appropriate authority (or) required certificates in respect of income and age should be furnished by the applicant himself/herself in the form of affidavit declared before a First Class Magistrate.

(iii) The applicant should furnish a proof for having run the unit *viz.* Municipal Licence (or) Certificate from Directorate of Industries and Commerce, Puducherry (or) Certificate obtained from Competent Authority relating to running industrial establishment.

7. *Disbursement of assistance.*— (i) The assistance would be disbursed by the General Manager, District Industries Centre, Puducherry.

(ii) The income certificate furnished by the applicant will hold good for a period of 3 years for which the financial assistance is sanctioned. However, the renewal of financial assistance for a subsequent terms of 3 years, the applicant shall furnish a fresh certificate/affidavit.

2. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department, Puducherry *vide* their I. D. No. 63553/F3/FD/10, dated 19-11-2010.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

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